

**METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR AUTOMATED TRAFFIC CITATION
PAYMENT AND PROCESSING**

ABSTRACT

5 A method and system for settling a parking citation
provides an on-line parking citation interface to a user. The
invention connects the on-line parking citation interface to a
receiving application for receiving a predetermined minimal
set of information relating to a parking citation. The method
10 and system then connect the receiving application to a polling
application for interfacing with a parking citation issuing
authority. Communicating the predetermined minimal set of
information with the parking citation issuing authority in an
information protocol usable by the parking citation issuing
15 authority also occurs with the invention. Then, the invention
identifies a parking citation from the parking citation
issuing authority associated with the minimal set of
information. Having identified a parking citation, the method
and system permit electronically transferring funds at, the
20 direction of the user, from a predetermined electronic funds
source to an electronic account associated with the parking
citation issuing authority for settling the parking citation.